

## CRITICAL IMPACT: HOW BARRIERS TO HIRING AT VA AFFECT PATIENT CARE AND ACCESS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Critical Impact: How Barriers to Hiring at VA Affect Patient Care and Access". Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Sitterly, Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

## Joint Meetings

### GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine gun violence in America, focusing on understanding and reducing the costs of firearm injuries and deaths, after receiving testimony from Adam Skaggs, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, New York, New York; Tina Meins, Everytown Survivor Network, Washington, D.C.; John R. Lott, Jr., Crime Prevention Research Center, Alexandria, Virginia; and Suzanna Gratia Hupp, former Member of the Texas House of Representatives, Lampasas County, Texas.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), Adam Seth Boehler, of Louisiana, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, Darrell E. Issa, of California, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, and Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eugene

Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor, 9 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2132, to promote security and provide justice for United States victims of international terrorism, S. 2281, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent applications, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, W. Stephen Muldrow, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Michael D. Baughman, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Kerry Lee Pettingill, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and Fernando L. G. Sablan, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management; and Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, joint hearing entitled "To Review the Implementation of Federal Farm and Disaster Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Engagement", 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Marine Debris: Impacts on Ecosystems and Species", 10:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Solutions to Rising Economic Inequality", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled "Broken Promises: Examining the Failed Implementation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP)", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Protecting

Unaccompanied Children: The Ongoing Impact of the Trump Administration's Cruel Policies", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled "Profits Over Consumers: Exposing How Pharmaceutical Companies Game the System", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 123, the "FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 132, the "North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019"; H.R. 4029, the "Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019"; H.R. 4067, the "Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019"; H.R. 4242, the "Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019"; H.R. 4300, the "Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019"; H.R. 4302, the "Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019"; H.R. 4328, the "Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act"; H.R. 4329, the "ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019"; legislation to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment; legislation on the 8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019; and legislation on the Corporate Management Accountability Act of 2019, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Trump Administration's Afghanistan Policy", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "The Northern Northern Border: Homeland Security Priorities in the Arctic, Part I", 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 496, the "Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2019"; H.R. 2485, the "Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2019"; H.R. 2640, the "Buffalo Tract Protection Act"; H.R. 4026, the "Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act"; and H.R. 4299, the "Data Preservation Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3458, the "Recreation Not Red Tape"; and H.R. 3879, the "SOAR Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 1312, the "Yurok Lands Act of 2019"; S. 216, the "Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act"; H.R. 3846, the "Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019"; and H.R. 4153, the "Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "H.R. 51: Making D.C. the 51st State", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Science and Technology at the Environmental Protection Agency", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "SBA Programs Spurring Innovation", 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3632, the "Fair and Open Skies Act"; H.R. 1620, the "Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 1132, the "San Francisco Bay Restoration Act"; H.R. 2247, the "Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act"; H.R. 4031, the "Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019"; H.R. 4044, the "Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act"; H.R. 4275, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3779, the "Resilience Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2019"; H.R. 2242, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include certain services in the definition of critical services, and for other purposes; legislation on the PREPARE Act of 2019; and General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Update on VA Contracted Exams, Quality Review Process, and Service to Rural Veterans", 10:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining VA's Overpayments and Collection Processes", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "How the Tax Code Subsidizes Hate", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Recommendations for Improving the Budget and Appropriations Process: A Look at the Work of the Joint Select Committee", 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Senate Committee on Armed Services*: closed meeting of conferees on S. 1790, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, 10 a.m., SD-G50.